

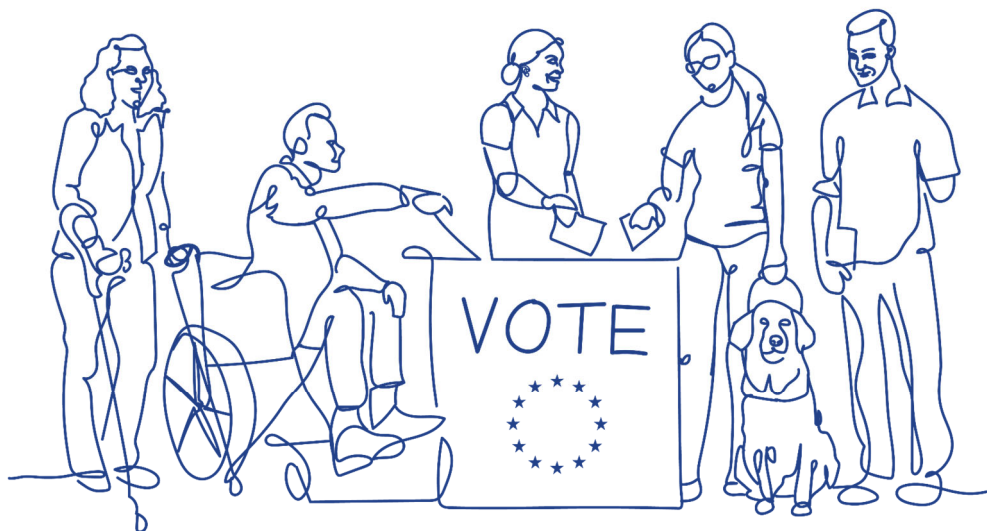
## Agenda

### Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on

### “The participation of persons with disabilities in the electoral process”

Monday, 4 December 2023 | from 16:00 to 18:30

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q1 | European Parliament, Brussels



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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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# Draft Programme

## **16:00 - 16:15: Opening session chaired by EMPL Chair, Dragoş Pîslaru**

- Welcoming words by EP president **Roberta METSOLA** (video message - tbc) or **Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS**, Vice-President and Chair Bureau High Level Group Gender equality and Diversity (tbc)
- Keynote speech by **Helena DALLI**, Commissioner for Equality or **Věra JOUROVÁ**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Values and Transparency (tbc)

### ***Start of the working sessions***

Introduction by EMPL Chair, **Dragoş PÎSLARU**

## **16:15 - 16:55: Session I: “Participation of persons with disabilities in the electoral process - State of play and remaining obstacles”**

The session will explore the state of play compared to the European elections in 2019: Where has progress been made in the Member States? Which legal or accessibility barriers remain? What are the biggest challenges Member States face at national level?

### ***Keynote speech/scene setter:***

- **EDF representative** - Presentation of EDF Human rights report on political participation of persons with disabilities

### ***Launching the debate:***

- **Krzysztof PATER**, EESC Rapporteur for 2019/2020 reports on “Real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in EP elections” (tbc)
- PETI chair/member: Input received from petitions (tbc)
- JURI Rapporteur on impact of accession to the Hague Convention on persons under guardianship (tbc)

***Discussion with National Parliamentarians and Members of the European Parliament based on experiences in the Member States.***

## **16:55 - 18:15: Session II: “Preparing for the European elections 2024 - How can improvements still be achieved?”**

This session will explore how and which improvements can be made to facilitate the accessibility for persons with disabilities to elections.

### ***Keynote speeches:***

- **Spanish Presidency representative:** Best practises after recent national elections
- **Karine LALIEUX**, Belgian Minister of Pensions and Social Integration: How to ensure political participation of PwD in European elections (tbc)

### ***Launching the debate:***

- AFCO chair/member: Suggestions from the perspective of the AFCO Committee
- VP **Dimitrios PAPANICOLAOU** or ITEC VP or COMM VP: Preparing for the European elections 2024

***Discussion with National Parliamentarians, Members of the European Parliament and National Disability Coordinators based on experiences in the Member States.***

## **18:15 - 18:30: Closing remarks**

- **Věra JOUROVÁ**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Values and Transparency or **Helena DALLI**, Commissioner for Equality
- **Dragoș PÎSLARU**, EMPL Committee Chair